



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for January 6, 2017

This is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

Note: This abbreviated email newsletter issue is focused on updates ahead of the next session, resources and information.

53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

Monday, January 9, 2017 is the start of the next session. In case you've missed this information, below are the names of those holding leadership roles.

House of Representatives: Speaker of the House J.D. Mesnard, House Majority Leader John Allen, House Majority Whip Kelly Townsend; House Minority Leader Rebecca Rios, House Assistant Minority Leader Randy Friese, and House Minority Whip Charlene Fernandez.

Senate: Senate President Steve Yarbrough, Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Yee, Senate Majority Whip Gail Griffin, President pro tempore Debbie Lesko; Senate Minority Leader Katie Hobbs, Senate Assistant Minority Leader Steve Farley, and Senate Minority Co-Whips Martin Quezada and Lupe Contreras.

Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature's website at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers>.

Senate Deadlines: <http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/senatedeadlines.pdf>

House Deadlines: <http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/housedeadlines.pdf>

Check out the new look of the *Arizona State Legislature* website: www.azleg.gov

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

Fiscal News

Joint Legislative Budget Committee

JLBC – *Monthly Fiscal Highlights December 2016* [HERE](#) reports “Year-to-date, ... General Fund revenues are 3.3% above the prior year and are \$65.5 million above the enacted forecast.”

Arizona Economic Trends - December 2016 [HERE](#)

Estimated Impacts of Changes to the Affordable Care Act [HERE](#)

The Governor’s “2016: Year In Review”

<http://azgovernor.gov/annualreport>

If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

- **Governor’s Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson and in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only) or
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

Tracking Legislation - The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be tracking state legislation and providing a link to the list beginning with the next issue.

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

An expanded overview will be provided in the next issue. Check active legislation on the Senate website [HERE](#).

Updates

H.R.34

21st Century Cures Act

Introduced on 1/6/2015 by Representative Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1)

Text [HERE](#)

(includes biomedical research to accelerate the process of discovering cures and includes funding to NIH.)

Latest action: 12/13/2016 Became Public Law No: 114-255.

S.3270

Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act

Introduced on 7/14/2016 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

To prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

Latest Action: 12/20/2016 By Senator Grassley from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate 12/10/2016. Report No. 114-430.

Other Legislation

H.R.6520

Younger-Onset Alzheimer's Disease Parity Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/8/2016 by Representative Kathleen M. Rice (NY-4)

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize services to be provided to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction who have not attained 60 years of age.

On 12/8/2016 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.6485

Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens through Workforce Advancement Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/8/2016 by Representative Matt Cartwright (PA-17)

This bill amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 to direct the Administration on Aging to carry out a program awarding grants to eligible entities to carry out six separate demonstration projects that focus on care coordination and service delivery for older individuals with chronic illness or at risk of institutional placement by: (1) designing and testing new models of care coordination and service delivery that thoughtfully and effectively deploy advanced aides to improve efficiency and quality of care for frail older individuals; and (2) giving direct-care workers opportunities for career advancement through additional training, an expanded role and increased compensation.

On 12/8/2016 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

S.3504

Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic Care Act of 2016

Introduced on 12/6/2016 by Senator Orrin G. Hatch (UT)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to implement Medicare payment policies designed to improve management of chronic disease, streamline care coordination, and improve quality outcomes without adding to the deficit.

On 12/6/2016, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#). (to be updated)

ALSO: USA.gov provides contact information at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS& RESOURCES

From **Kaiser Health News**

January 4, 2017

[**Kaiser Health News: New Nursing Home Rules Offer Residents More Control Of Their Care**](#)

December 21, 2016

[**Kaiser Health News: Aging And Addicted: The Opioid Epidemic Affects Older Adults, Too**](#)

National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at:
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. The **National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2016 Update** is available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/national-plan-address-alzheimers-disease-2016-update>

Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disability/NASUAD**

Friday Updates, December 23, 2016

CMS Releases FAQs Regarding Unsafe Wandering or Exit-Seeking Behavior

On December 15, 2016, CMS released a set of FAQs that discuss strategies that are compliant with the HCBS Settings regulation and can be used to ensure the health and welfare of HCBS participants who are at risk of wandering. The long-awaited FAQs focus primarily on how person-centered planning should be used to identify appropriate restrictions while facilitating individualized activities, supports, and access to the community. CMS reiterates the person-centered planning issues throughout the entire document. Other areas of emphasis include adequate staffing to allow for various activities in and outside HCBS settings, proper staff training to identify issues and promote person-centered responses, and the establishment of programs and environments that engage participants, reduce overstimulation, and promote overall beneficiary wellness.

The FAQs address a number of important policy and operational considerations that HCBS providers should address when providing services to individuals with wandering behaviors or who are at risk of wandering.

[Click here](#) to view the FAQs.

Friday Updates, December 16, 2016

New SAMHSA Products Added to ACL Website

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has added several updates to their website. The updates include links to various Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) products including: Training for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/ No Wrong Door (NWD) staff; new epidemiological profiles for each of the 10 Health and Human Services (HHS) Regions; and the Get Connected Toolkit and video.

[Click here](#) to view the updates.

NCOA

Redesigned BenefitsCheckUp® Tool

The free web-based tool helps older adults and caregivers screen over 2,000 public and private benefits in their area. The redesign includes the ability to search for specific types of benefits. According to NCOA, the tool has helped has more than 5 million people find more than \$16 billion in benefits.

[Click here](#) to view the tool.

The Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

FACT OF THE WEEK Monday, January 2, 2017

Almost 7 in 10 baby boomers plan to work past age 65

Among US full-time and part-time workers, “66% of Baby Boomers expect to either work past age 65 (51%) or do not plan to retire (15%),” while “55% of Generation X share these expectations including 41% who plan to work past 65 and 14% who do not plan to retire. In contrast, the majority of Millennials (60%) expect to either retire at age 65 (25%) or sooner (35%),” according to the 2016 Transamerica Retirement Survey. (p.40)

Transamerica. (2016). *17th annual Transamerica retirement survey: Influences of generation on retirement readiness*. Los Angeles: Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies. Retrieved from [this source](#).

INFORMATION& RESOURCES:

Banner Sun Health Research Institute Caregiver Education

Directions for Caregivers after the Dementia Diagnosis

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Banner Sun Health Research Institute,

Registration is required; please call 623-832-3248

Communication: Avoiding Arguments

Monday, January 30, 2017, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Banner Sun Health Research Institute

Registration is required; **please call 623-832-3248**

Arizona Rural and Public Health Policy Forum

January 25, 2017, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix

More information [HERE](#)

Arizona Fire Services Institute and Vitalyst Health Foundation – Mobile Integrated Healthcare 360 Arizona: How Fire-Based and Private Sector Community Paramedicine

Programs are Shifting the EMS Paradigm

February 2-3, 2017, Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix

List of speakers, agenda and registration information [HERE](#)

Mark your calendar:

4th Annual Arizona Healthy Communities Conference

March 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, AZ

Arizona's 30th Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017 Phoenix Airport Marriott

From the **Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities**

The Healthy Communities Institute [HERE](#)

Arizona Community Foundation Grant Opportunity

In the 2016-2017 year, the Arizona Community Foundation will fund organizations in service to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community through four categories: Capacity Building, Scientific Research in the area of Deafness and Hearing Loss, Project Support, and Feasibility Planning for Capital Projects. Funding is available to nonprofit organizations, schools, government and tribal entities, and religious organizations (for non-religious activities). Proposals will be accepted online at <https://www.azfoundation.org/GrantsLoans/CurrentGrantOpportunities.aspx> starting on December 12, 2016, with a deadline of 5pm on January 20, 2017. Full guidelines are available on December 12, 2016. For more information, please contact the Arizona Community Foundation's Competitive Grants Management Team at 602-381-1400 or grants@azfoundation.org.

Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders Advocates and Resources/MOLAR has two presentations on **January 13**. More information [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time...

Governor Ducey proclaimed November as the kick off to **Arizona's *Call to Action* in the fight against Alzheimer's disease**. The [proclamation](#) and [Calls to Action](#) as well as the original [Arizona Alzheimer's State Plan](#) are posted on the AzLinks website: <https://azdaars.getcare.com/consumer/>.

From **Kaiser News**

October 24, 2016

[**Kaiser Health News: For Seniors, Teeth Need Care — But Insurance Coverage Is Rare**](#)

November 7, 2016

[**Kaiser Health News: Seniors Suffer Amid Widespread Fraud By Medicaid Caretakers**](#)

November 14, 2016

[**Kaiser Health News: Community Paramedics Work To Link Patients With Mental Health Care**](#) and

[**Kaiser Health News: Study: Many Caregivers Spend \\$7K Annually Out Of Pocket**](#)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news

Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

#AZAWESOME Shareables: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

AHCCS News & Updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General's Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.

More information [HERE](#)

If you're interested

Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

We're wishing you a productive and healthy 2017!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



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